

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ruppert, et al  
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 Group Art Unit:  
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 Title: Low Floor Drive Unit Assembly for an Electrically  
       Driven Vehicle

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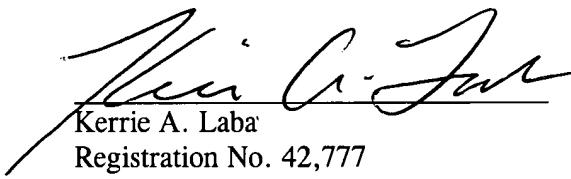
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

**CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS**

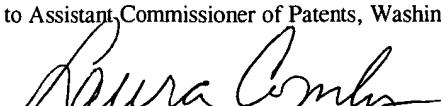


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